

Klan Case Error *Pres 6/2/76*

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorney General Bill Baxley said a witness has admitted he incorrectly identified one of the three white men he claimed had forced a black truck driver to leap to his death in a river 19 years ago.

Baxley said the admission could cause problems in the prosecution of those charged in the death, but he said he wouldn't give up.

Raymond C. Britt, who has said he was a former Kl Klux Klansman, had testified that a Montgomery bail bondsman, Sonny Kyle Livingston, was one of the three men, who were also said to be former Klansmen.

But Baxley said that during a lie detector test administered last week in San Diego, ~~Capt. Britt admitted that Livingston was not~~

present when the truck driver, 25-year-old Willie Edwards Jr., allegedly was forced at gunpoint to jump to his death in the Alabama River 19 years ago.

Baxley said Britt still insisted during the lie detector test that the other two men — Henry Alexander, 46, and James York, 73 — were there when Edwards, sobbing and begging for his life, was forced to leap into the river the night of Jan. 23, 1957.